

The Social World

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INDIVIDUALITY IS KEYNOTE

450 View Spring Fashion Ideas At Senior Club Show

A parade of ideas in fashion that satisfy a need and a purpose—and a woman's heart—passed before 450 people Tuesday night as they crowded the Civic Auditorium for the fourth annual fashion show sponsored by the Torrance Woman's Club.

The design ideas were carried out in every type of woman's wear, from gay playclothes and crisp, cool cottons, to slim, stunning and sophisticated cocktail dresses; from simply-tailored "go everywhere" suits to formal frocks; and from bright bathing suits to lacy lingerie.

Little-girl and pre-teen styles for play, school, and parties also were featured in the parade. **INDIVIDUALITY IMPORTANT** Each costume had the air of individuality which is so important this spring season.

"No longer," said Mrs. Benjamin Miller of Los Angeles in his commentary on the styles, "will you find clothes that wear the woman. Designs are so many and varied that each woman can select the ones just right for her, the ones which best express her own individual personality."

Mrs. Miller reviewed the new trends in design as models showed gowns from Levy's Department Store.

One of the fashion ideas which promises to be popular because of its suitability for the warm days and cool evenings of the California spring and summer is the sweater-dress. In this ensemble, the print of the cotton is echoed in the front banding of its cardigan top.

The sweater look also is important in suits; jackets are the close-fitting, cardigan style. **FOR WORK AND FUN** "Around the clock" fashions, or daytime-into-evening ensembles, boon for the working gal, are another feature this spring. A demure little dress turns into a cocktail stunner when the bolero or short box jacket is taken off.

Almost every dress comes equipped with its own jacket, usually of the same material lined in a contrasting shade, for that "matched" look. The cotton dress, usually only

for morning or afternoon wear, is dressed up with sparkling rhinestones to go dancing. Light wool shirtmaker style frocks are turned into cocktail gowns by pearl rhinestone trimming. Both the slim lines of the semi-formal gown and the bouffant fullness of formal attire are accentuated by jeweled trim.

VARIETY IN SKIRTS Skirts are wide and full, skirts are softly draped, and skirts are sheath-slim. Even the sheath, however, has a double kick pleat in back to give ease and grace of movement.

In fabrics, what looks like one thing turns out to be something else. What looks like linen is really cotton, what looks like cotton turns out to be nylon. And cotton appears again, looking like silk.

NEW BELTS Belts, too, get a new look. Instead of the leather and metal belts so popular last season, milady encircles her waist with a soft ribbon, or a belt fashioned of the same material as her dress.

Continuing in popularity is the use of bright bunches of flowers at the waistline.

Polka dots and more polka dots, in navy and white combine with a splash of red for one of the most vibrant color schemes this spring. Soft pink and beige, and white dramatized with black are also color news.

Models for the women's gowns were Mesdames Earl A. Miles, J. G. Derouin, A. F. R. Ewalt, C. A. Smith, Natalie Armstrong, Joanne Mitchell, J. R. Klink Jr., Walter Hillier, and Delmar Gilkeson; and Misses Karen Dean, Alice Phillips, and Shirley Salzman.

Misses Janice and Marilyn Dabbs showed children's styles.

COMMITTEES TOLD General chairmen in charge of the affair were Mesdames E. L. Snodgrass and Lee A. McCoy, who served as mistress of ceremonies. Mesdames Ruth Rogers and J. A. Eisenbrandt served as ticket and reservations chairman, respectively, with the assistance of Mrs. W. C. Boswell of the Junior Woman's Club and her committee. Tickets were donated by Charley Gotts of Daniels Cafe.

Decorations, which carried out a St. Patrick's theme, were done by Mesdames B. W. Roberts and John Oursler, while La Galeria Florists handled floral arrangements. Mrs. J. H. Osborne was food chairman.

Piano background for the style parade was furnished by Mrs. J. H. Burchett.

'Jobie' Moms Will Hold Rummage Sale

In an effort to raise funds for the "Jobie" summer camp at Crestline, the Mothers' Club of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 50 will hold a rummage sale next Thursday and Friday, Mar. 26 and 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 1288 Sartori Ave.

Anyone wishing to donate clothing or other articles for the sale may contact Mrs. George Crabtree at 1285-J.

The following Saturday, Mar. 28, the "Moms" will sponsor a get-acquainted "box social" at Higgins Brick Yard, 2217 W. 175th St. Mrs. Earl Wells will be in charge of entertainment for the evening.

All Jobie parents are invited to attend Mrs. Sam Van Wagner, publicity chairman, said.

BETA SIGMA PHIS SLATE APR. 4 INSTALLATION DINNER

Mrs. Harold Roberts, newly-elected president of Theta Nu Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, and her corps of officers for the year will be installed Saturday, Apr. 4, at a dinner meeting at Ding How Restaurant.

Date for the ceremonies was set at last Wednesday's meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Robert Stewart, 2067 W. 220th St. Members also made plans for a preferential tea to be held in honor of prospective members at Mrs. Stewart's home next Sunday, Mar. 29.

Mission Group Reveals Names Of Officers

Names of new officers, elected at last Thursday's meeting for one and two year terms, were released this week by the Women's Baptist Mission Society.

Mrs. Ray Muncy will lead the club as president during 1953-54. Those to serve with her during the year are the following:

Mesdames Chester Williams, secretary; C. M. Northrup, spiritual life chairman; Robert Hise, family life chairman; William Bourne, leadership training chairman; Daniel Pierson, vice-president of missionary and stewardship; R. A. Tuck, reading chairman; Alta Clemens, student counselor; Wentzel Smith, guld counselor; and A. R. Thistle, children's missionary education.

Elected for a two-year term were Mesdames H. D. Revelle, treasurer; Meade Ferguson, first vice-president and program chairman; Bert Scott, publicity chairman; C. C. Cash, literature chairman.

K. W. Knowles, vice-president of Christian service and love gift chairman; E. W. Holtzclaw, White Cross chairman; Charles French, Christian social relations chairman; and William Bernard, vice-president of business and professional women.

Mrs. Lee Pollock gave devotions during the morning session and Mrs. Marshall Condon entertained with vocal selections. In charge of the program were Mesdames Ferguson and Joe Waterman.

A potluck luncheon followed the meeting.

Mrs. Moffitt New Prexy Of Torrance PTA

Taking the lead in planning Torrance Elementary PTA activities for 1953-54 will be Mrs. Robert E. Moffitt, who has served the group as first vice-president during the past year.

Mrs. Moffitt, elected at last Thursday's association meeting, will be installed at the May session and will begin her term as president on June 1.

Those who will assist her are Mesdames Charles Mullen, first vice-president; Robert Morton, second vice-president; William C. Coburn, fourth vice-president; W. W. Hamilton, recording secretary; Lloyd Davis, corresponding secretary; William Montgomery, historian; and George Crabtree, auditor and registrar.

The election followed a potluck dinner served to a capacity crowd and preceded entertainment provided by school students and a local quartet. "The Four Colonels of Corn." Community singing climaxed the evening's activities.

Mrs. Hanson Named Prexy Of Seasideers

President's gavel of Seaside Elementary PTA will be in the hands of Mrs. Earl Hanson during 1953-54.

Members elected her to the office at a business session which followed a potluck dinner at the school cafeteria Thursday of last week. Also chosen on the leaders' slate were the following:

Mesdames Robert Park, first vice-president; Eugene Courtney, second vice-president; Henry DuBois, third vice-president; Warren Boggs, fourth vice-president; James Walts, secretary; Fred Filgiano, treasurer; Harold Wilkes, historian; Henry Ross, corresponding secretary; and Mr. Earl Eckert, auditor.

The new president and her first, second and fourth vice-presidents will be voting delegates at the First District PTA Convention at Pasadena on Apr. 18. Others elected to attend the session were Mesdames Loren Edman, Lorne Bristol, and John Wryte.

Quartet and a film, "Preface to a Life," shown by Walter Rehboldt, director of instruction of the Torrance Unified School District, highlighted the evening's program.



NEW HEART FOR A LADY . . . William Seiber, 1707 Schilling Ct., adjusts a reclining chair into sitting position for his wife, Elva, who underwent a rare heart operation Feb. 21. The young housewife, who doctors said two years ago could live only 10 years, will be able to lead a completely normal life within six weeks, her surgeon said.

DOOMED TO DIE, 'KNOLLS' WOMAN GETS NEW HEART

Thanks to the miracles of modern surgery, a pretty 30-year-old Kettler Knolls woman who doctors said two years ago had only 10 years left to live, now has new hope for an active, average lifetime.

Although still confined to her bed most of the time since a rare heart operation on Feb. 21, the young housewife, Mrs. William (Elva) Seiber, 1707 Schilling Ct., will be able to lead a completely normal life within six weeks, her doctor, a Long Beach heart surgeon, said.

This will be novelty for the local lady, who for years has been unable to do the simplest household chores without resting every few minutes.

Shortness of breath, dizziness, and pains around the heart plagued Mrs. Seiber during her slightest activity since a bout with rheumatic fever when she was 10 years old.

But after two hours on the operating table at Seaside Hospital in Long Beach, she has a heart that is good as new.

An obstruction in the left valve of the heart, which caused blood to back up into her lungs, was removed during the surgery, and the woman doomed to die now faces the future with a smile.

"It's like having a new life," she said. "Before, there was nothing to look forward to. Now I can make plans, and see them carried out."

"And now I can have a vacation," her husband, who has worked a double shift at Columbia Steel and around the house during his wife's illness, laughed. "We only hope that the story of my wife's return to health will benefit others who are suffering from the same heart condition."

The Seibers, one of the first couples to move into Kettler Knolls, have been residents of Torrance for the past three years.

TAU DELTA OMEGAS HONOR PRESIDENT

Presentation of a gift to Mrs. Ing to Mesdames Frank Sande, Benjamin Smith, president, in honor of her 15th wedding anniversary highlighted last Monday's meeting of Tau Delta Omega sorority, held at the home of Mrs. Luther Mumford on Hawthorne Blvd.

Refreshments were served at quartet tables decorated in a green and white St. Patrick's Day theme.



ALL ABOARD! . . . Members of the Royal Neighbors, Torrance Camp, are shown as they prepared to board a local bus Friday which took them to the annual spring

meeting of the Southern California Association of the Royal Neighbors of America at the Elks Temple in Los Angeles. Nearly 40 attended the meeting.



NAVY AND WHITE . . . Showing the most popular color combination of the spring season, navy and white, at Tuesday's Torrance Woman's Club fashion show were, left to right, Mesdames A. F. R. Ewalt and Joanne Mitchell. Mrs. Ewalt's ensemble featured a polka dot blouse, red tie, and jacket lined in red, while Mrs. Mitchell's costume was a fallie coat dress with red and white trim.



FORMAL FINERY . . . Among the most outstanding evening costumes shown at Tuesday night's Torrance Woman's Club fashion show were these three, modeled by, left to right, Mesdames Natalie Armstrong and Delmar Gilkeson, and Miss Karen Dean. Mrs. Armstrong showed a camellia-shaded Venetian lace over taffeta. Mrs. Gilkeson modeled a sundress turned cocktailish in black with a checked inset at the neck and shoulder-line; Miss Dean displayed a bouffant blue ballerina gown of nylon tulle with a lace panel.

LOCAL GIRL TAKES RELIGIOUS VOWS

Sister Miss Margaret, the former Miss Margaret Ann Vonderahe, made a profession of her temporary vows in the Order of St. Joseph of Carondelet at St. Mary's Academy in Los Angeles Wednesday.

The religious reception and profession ceremonies for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Vonderahe, 1452 Engracia Ave., were conducted by His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre.

Sister St. Margaret, a 1950 graduate of St. Mary's Academy, will continue her studies for a teaching career at Mt. St. Mary's College in Westwood.

'Moms' Name New Leaders

Newly-elected leaders of the DeMolay Mothers' Circle, Mesdames Harry Abramson, president; Frank Schmidt, first vice-president; and William Scholl, second vice-president, will take office formally at a joint installation with DeMolay officers Apr. 4.

Ceremonies, which are open to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple on Sartori Ave.

BOY SCOUTS CAMP ON MOUNT CRAZIER

A camping trip to Mt. Frazier, highlighted last week-end for 29 boys of Boy Scout Troop No. 721. Featured among troop activities were a six-mile hike Saturday to view the snow, and church services held on the slopes of the mountain Sunday.

Grainger Ave., with Mrs. Gilbert, Roxie sharing hostess honors. A committee also was appointed to aid the DeMolays in planning and preparing an April spaghetti feed.

Next club session will be a dinner meeting at the Persian Room in Wilmington on Apr. 21.